**Registration of Ram Janam Bhoomi Nyas under foreign contribution (Regulation Act**

3322. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ram Janma Bhoomi Nyas had applied for registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, if so, when;

(b) whether permission for registration has been granted; if so, when; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir, on 1-9-89.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposed site of construction of Ram Mandir, being in dispute and the matter being sub judice, it was considered that grant of permission would not be appropriate.

**National Highways Trust to monitor use of funds for National Highway**

3323. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the State Governments are diverting funds ear-marked for the development and maintenance of National Highways;

(b) if so, the names of such errant States;

(c) whether there is a proposal to form a National Highway Trust; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**श्री लंका, यूडा, और फिजी से आये शरणार्थी**

3324. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जनवरी, 1990 से जुलाई, 1990 के बीच श्री लंका यूडा और फिजी से भारत आये शरणार्थियों की अलग-अलग संख्या और उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इन शरणार्थियों की सुरक्षा तथा पुनर्वास के लिए सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : जनवरी, 1990 से जुलाई, 1990 तक श्रीलंका से 50,701 शरणार्थी भारत में आये । जिन शरणार्थियों ने सरकार से कहा उन्हें तमिलनाडु और उड़ीसा में स्थायी शिविरों और अस्थाई शरणार्थी राहत केन्द्रों में रखा गया है। शिविरों में इन शरणार्थियों को नकद, भोजन कपड़ा, शरण, चिकित्सा सहायता इत्यादि जैसी राहत सुविधायें दी जा रही हैं। क्योंकि श्रीलंका से आए शरणार्थी भारतीय नागरिक नहीं हैं और कुछ समय बाद उन्हें श्रीलंका वापिस भेजा जाना अपेक्षित है इसलिए भारत में उनके पुनर्वास के लिए उपाय करना अपेक्षित नहीं । जनवरी, 1990 जुलाई, 1990 के बीच यूडा से कोई शरणार्थी भारत नहीं आया । जनवरी, 1990 से जुलाई, 1990 की अवधि के मध्य फिजी से राष्ट्रिकों से "शरणार्थी/प्रवासी दर्जा" देने के लिए कोई आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

**Exemption of Telecommunication Department from the Purview of the consumer protection Act**

3325. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to exempt the Telecommunication

Department from the purview of the Consumer Protection Act; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government have taken into account that such a step will render the Act ineffective in achieving the objects which led to its enactment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Department of Telecommunications has proposed exemption of the Telecommunication Services from the purview of Consumer Protection Act.

(b) The reasons for seeking such exemption are:

(i) Elaborate grievances redressal machineries already exist within the Department of Telecommunications. Some of the forums where a subscriber can make his complaints and get the redressal of his grievances are given below:

(1) In case of service complaints the subscriber can dial '198' or any of the officials of the Department normally listed in a telephone Directory;

(2) Public grievances Cells in large offices;

(3) Over 400 Customer Service Centres throughout the Country;

(4) Telephone Adalats and Open House Sessions;

(5) Officers of the Department meet public normally on all working days;

(6) Telecom Advisory Committees, which have representation from various public forms;

(7) Provision exists for arbitration in disputes between the subcriber and the Department under Section 7B of the Indian Telegraph Act.

(ii) Certain anomalies exists between the Consumer Protection Act and the Indian Telegraph Act.

Exempting the Telecommunication Department from the purview of Consumer Protection Act will not render the Act ineffective in achieving the objects which led to its enactment as alternative remedies are already available to telephone subscribers for redressal of their grievances and settlement of disputes.

**Fall-out of ban on use of English**

3326. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the likelihood of North-South divide being caused in the country as a result of the demand of some Chief Ministers to ban the use of English; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to avoid any scheme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Under Article 345 of the Constitution, the legislatures of various States have adopted, by law, one or more of the languages in use in the State or Hindi as Official language for their official purposes. Some State Governments have been issuing orders from time to time to ensure compliance of the provisions of the Acts relating to their official language. In the recent past, some Hindi speaking State Governments have reitertaed these orders to ensure their compliance. Such orders are under the provisions of the Constitution and are within the jurisdiction of the State Governments. So far as official language for communication between one State and another or between a State and the Union is concerned, the State Governments are expected to take action according to Article 346 of the Constitution and the Official Languages Act, 1963. Article 346 of the Constitution provides as follows:—

The language for the time being authorised for use in the Union for official purposes shall be the Official